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INFORMATION SHEET District of Columbia Case Number: 2021 CA 002578 B Power Fuel and Transport Real Date: July 22, 2021 One of the defendants is being sued Estate Holding Co., LLC in their official capacity. Monique Cobb Name: (Please Print) Relationship to Lawsuit Attorney for Plaintiff Firm Name: Office of the Attorney General ☐ Self (Pro Se) Six digit Unified Bar No.: Telephone No.: Other: 1531175 202 -727-3012 TYPE OF CASE: Non-Jury ☐ 6 Person Jury 12 Person Jury Demand: \$ Other: _ PENDING CASE(S) RELATED TO THE ACTION BEING FILED Calendar #:____ Judge: _____ Calendar#: Case No.: NATURE OF SUIT: (Check One Box Only) A. CONTRACTS COLLECTION CASES 14 Under \$25,000 Pltf. Grants Consent 16 Under \$25,000 Consent Denied □ 01 Breach of Contract ☐ 02 Breach of Warranty ☐ 17 OVER \$25,000 Pltf. Grants Consent ☐ 18 OVER \$25,000 Consent Denied ☐ 27 Insurance/Subrogation ☐ 06 Negotiable Instrument 26 Insurance/Subrogation Over \$25,000 Pltf. Grants Consent Over \$25,000 Consent Denied 07 Personal Property 13 Employment Discrimination ☐ 07 Insurance/Subrogation ☐ 34 Insurance/Subrogation 15 Special Education Fees Under \$25,000 Pltf. Grants Consent Under \$25,000 Consent Denied ☐ 28 Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award (Collection Cases Only) **B. PROPERTY TORTS** □ 01 Automobile □ 03 Destruction of Private Property ☐ 05 Trespass ☐ 02 Conversion ☐ 04 Property Damage ☐ 07 Shoplifting, D.C. Code § 27-102 (a) C. PERSONAL TORTS ☐ 01 Abuse of Process ☐ 10 Invasion of Privacy ☐ 17 Personal Injury- (Not Automobile, ☐ 02 Alienation of Affection 11 Libel and Slander Not Malpractice) ☐ 18Wrongful Death (Not Malpractice) 03 Assault and Battery ☐ 12 Malicious Interference ☐ 04 Automobile- Personal Injury ☐ 13 Malicious Prosecution ☐ 19 Wrongful Eviction ☐ 05 Deceit (Misrepresentation) ☐ 14 Malpractice Legal 20 Friendly Suit 21 Asbestos ☐ 06 False Accusation 15 Malpractice Medical (Including Wrongful Death) 16 Negligence- (Not Automobile, ☐ 07 False Arrest 22 Toxic/Mass Torts 08 Fraud Not Malpractice) 23 Tobacco 24 Lead Paint

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia CIVIL DIVISION

Civil Actions Branch

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District of Columbia

Plaintiff

VS.

Case Number

2021 CA 002578 B

Power Fuel and Transport Real Estate Holding Co., LLC

Defendant

SUMMONS

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve an Answer to the attached Complaint, either personally or through an attorney, within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you are being sued as an officer or agency of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government, you have sixty (60) days after service of this summons to serve your Answer. A copy of the Answer must be mailed to the attorney for the plaintiff who is suing you. The attorney's name and address appear below. If plaintiff has no attorney, a copy of the Answer must be mailed to the plaintiff at the address stated on this Summons.

You are also required to file the original Answer with the Court in Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. You may file the original Answer with the Court either before you serve a copy of the Answer on the plaintiff or within seven (7) days after you have served the plaintiff. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Name of Plaintiff's Attorney		
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IMPORTANT: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME STATED ABOVE, OR IF, AFTER YOU ANSWER, YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES YOU TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY DAMAGES OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. IF THIS OCCURS, YOUR WAGES MAY BE ATTACHED OR WITHHELD OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE YOU OWN MAY BE TAKEN AND SOLD TO PAY THE JUDGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE THIS ACTION, DO NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME.

If you wish to talk to a lawyer and feel that you cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, promptly contact one of the offices of the Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) or the Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) for help or come to Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., for more information concerning places where you may ask for such help.

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District of Columbia				
		Demandante		
	contra		Número de Caso:	2021 CA 002578 B

Power Fuel and Transport Real Estate Holding Co., LLC

Demandado

CITATORIO

Al susodicho Demandado:

Por la presente se le cita a comparecer y se le require entregar una Contestación a la Demanda adjunta, sea en persona o por medio de un abogado, en el plazo de veintiún (21) días contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, excluyendo el día mismo de la entrega del citatorio. Si usted está siendo demandado en calidad de oficial o agente del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica o del Gobierno del Distrito de Columbia, tiene usted sesenta (60) días, contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, para entregar su Contestación. Tiene que enviarle por correo una copia de su Contestación al abogado de la parte demandante. El nombre y dirección del abogado aparecen al final de este documento. Si el demandado no tiene abogado, tiene que enviarle al demandante una copia de la Contestación por correo a la dirección que aparece en este Citatorio.

A usted también se le require presentar la Contestación original al Tribunal en la Oficina 5000, sito en 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., entre las 8:30 a.m. y 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes o entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 12:00 del mediodía los sábados. Usted puede presentar la Contestación original ante el Juez ya sea antes que usted le entregue al demandante una copia de la Contestación o en el plazo de siete (7) días de haberle hecho la entrega al demandante. Si usted incumple con presentar una Contestación, podría dictarse un fallo en rebeldía contra usted para que se haga efectivo el desagravio que se busca en la demanda.

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IMPORTANTE: SI USTED INCUMPLE CON PRESENTAR UNA CONTESTACIÓN EN EL PLAZO ANTES MENCIONADO O, SI LUEGO DE CONTESTAR, USTED NO COMPARECE CUANDO LE AVISE EL JUZGADO, PODRÍA DICTARSE UN FALLO EN REBELDÍA CONTRA USTED PARA QUE SE LE COBRE LOS DAÑOS Y PERJUICIOS U OTRO DESAGRAVIO QUE SE BUSQUE EN LA DEMANDA. SI ESTO OCURRE, PODRÍA RETENÉRSELE SUS INGRESOS, O PODRÍA TOMÁRSELE SUS BIENES PERSONALES O BIENES RAÍCES Y SER VENDIDOS PARA PAGAR EL FALLO. SI USTED PRETENDE OPONERSE A ESTA ACCIÓN, <u>NO DEJE DE CONTESTAR LA DEMANDA DENTRO DEL PLAZO EXIGIDO</u>.

Si desea conversar con un abogado y le parece que no puede pagarle a uno, llame pronto a una de nuestras oficinas del Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) o el Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) para pedir ayuda o venga a la Oficina 5000 del 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., para informarse sobre otros lugares donde puede pedirayuda al respecto.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIVIL DIVISION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 400 Sixth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001

Plaintiff,

v.

POWER FUEL & TRANSPORT REAL ESTATE HOLDING CO LLC 9921 Mayfield Drive Bethesda, MD 20817-1651

Civ. No. 2021 CA 002578 B

Serve On:

Registered Agent: KOO YUEN 817 6th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DRUG-, FIREARM-, OR PROSTITUTION-RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACT

The District of Columbia (the "District"), through the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia ("OAG"), files suit against Defendant Power Fuel & Transport Real Estate Holding Company LLC ("Power Fuel") for violations of the Drug-, Firearm-, or Prostitution-Related Nuisance Abatement Act ("Nuisance Act"), requiring Defendant to abate the persistent drug and firearm nuisance at 4675 South Capitol Street SW, Washington, DC 20032 (the "Property") pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 42-3101, *et seq.* In support of this Complaint, the District states as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Property is a discount tobacco and grocery store located at 4675 South Capitol Street SW, Washington, DC 20032 (the "Property") in the Washington Highlands neighborhood. Persistent shootings and drug sales plague the Property. This year alone, the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") has responded to eight incidents of drug and firearm activity, including a murder, at the Property. After the last shooting at the Property in May 2021, MPD began constant surveillance at the Property, diverting resources from other areas of the Washington Highlands community. The Property is only 1000 feet away from the Statesman Academy for Boys and Ingenuity Prep High School, both of which are located at 4600 Livingston Rd SE. See School Profiles Home (dc.gov). Children who attend these schools and neighbors who use the grocery store fear walking to these services and are exposed to drug sales and the danger of gun violence. The District seeks declaratory and injunctive relief requiring Defendant to abate the drug- and firearm-related nuisance at its Property, as well as civil damages and attorneys' fees.

I. JURISDICTION

- 1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-921 and § 42-3102(a).
 - 2. The Court has personal jurisdiction pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 13-422 and 13-423.

II. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, the District of Columbia, a municipal corporation empowered to sue and be sued, is the local government for the territory constituting the permanent seat of the government of the United States. The District brings this case by and through its chief legal officer, the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. The Attorney General has general charge and conduct of all legal business of the District and all suits initiated by and against the District and is responsible

for upholding the public interest. D.C. Code § 1-301.81 (a)(1). The Attorney General is also specifically authorized to enforce the Nuisance Act. D.C. Code § 42-3102(a).

4. Defendant Power Fuel & Transport Real Estate Holding Company LLC ("Power Fuel") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the District of Columbia that conducts business in Washington, D.C. Power Fuel maintains a principal place of business at 9921 Mayfield Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817, and has operated the Property since it purchased it on March 3, 2005.

III. <u>FACTS</u>

- A. Defendants Have Permitted Drug and Gun Activity to Proceed Unabated at the Property.
- 5. The Property is an SC Tobacco and Grocery store located in a population-dense residential neighborhood in the Washington Highlands area of the District.



Image of Property, SC Discount Tobacco & Grocery Facebook Page (September 2020)

6. Criminal activity at the Property has intensified in 2021. In recent months, the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") has responded to two shootings at the Property that still terrorize the surrounding community. On May 17, 2021, MPD responded to gunshots at the Property. Closed-circuit television camera ("CCTV") footage showed that an assailant threatened

and fired a gun at a customer of the store, narrowly missing them. Only a month before, on April 21, 2021, MPD responded to another shooting at the Property. The victim had been shot multiple times and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Besides these shootings, on March 11, 2021, MPD recovered four handguns, accompanying magazines of compatible ammunition, and two high-capacity ammunition feeding devices from a vehicle at the Property. The firearm activity at the Property endangers innocent customers, area residents, and community members.

- 7. The Property also is the site of rampant drug activity. On June 24, 2021, MPD recovered 136 grams of marijuana, a digital scale, and two boxes of clear sandwich bags, indicative of a distribution operation. On March 11, 2021, MPD responded to an assault at the Property, and the victim admitted that he had been purchasing PCP from the Property prior to being assaulted. Additionally, on April 13, 2021, MPD responded to a disturbance at the Property and broke up a group of men consuming marijuana. On February 23, 2021, MPD determined that an unconscious individual on the Property was under the influence of drugs.
- 8. Beyond the recent drug- and firearm-activity, the Property is frequently the site of other criminal incidents that endanger customers. On February 27, 2021, an individual began an argument with the store clerk and destroyed a credit card reader. The suspect fled before MPD arrived. Similarly, on December 19, 2020, an individual entered the Property irate and destroyed various items, including a credit card reader and protective plexiglass windows, then fled. These incidents sap MPD time and public resources that could address other needs in the Washington Highlands community.

B. Defendant Has Failed to Abate the Drug- and Firearm-Related Nuisance Activity on the Property Despite Receiving Notice.

9. On February 24, 2021, OAG notified Power Fuel pursuant to D.C. Code § 42–3103(b) of the nuisance activity on the Property and requested that it enact security measures to

abate the nuisance activity, such as increasing lighting, maintaining a security camera system, hiring security personnel, and issuing and enforcing barring notices. The letter also demanded that Power Fuel provide a specific security abatement plan and contact the District within fourteen days to discuss the nuisance activity at the Property.

- 10. Power Fuel failed to respond to the District within fourteen days or submit a security abatement plan. Rather, more than a month after receiving the letter, Power Fuel responded with only cursory information, indicating that there were lights and cameras at the Property. Power Fuel did not address OAG's requests that it increase lighting in certain areas, hire security personnel, and issue and enforce barring notices.
- 11. On March 31, 2021, the District again requested information on the status of the abatement plan for the Property. Power Fuel failed to respond to the District's second notice.
- 12. On June 25, 2021, the District issued its third notice to Defendant, requesting that Power Fuel provide an abatement plan for the security issues at the Property. Power Fuel failed to respond.
- 13. Power Fuel's lack of attention to security at the Property and their failure to engage meaningfully with OAG has resulted in continued nuisance activity at the Property. The surrounding community remains at risk of harm from ongoing shootings and drug activity at the Property.

C. Drug- and Firearm-Related Violence on the Property Adversely Impacts Neighbors and Community Members.

14. The drug- and firearm-related nuisance activity at the Property creates an adverse impact on neighbors in the Washington Highlands community. Community members, who are customers of the business on the Property or walk near the Property, are afraid of being shot or

solicited to buy drugs. Patrons of the SC Tobacco and Grocery store have been shooting victims, and individuals on the Property frequently solicit passers-by to purchase drugs.

- 15. The Property is in a Drug-Free Zone, as it is within 1,000 feet of the Statesman Academy for Boys and Ingenuity Prep high schools, and children often have to walk by the Property, which exposes them to distribution of drugs and the gun violence stemming from the Property.
- 16. Residents fear walking in their own neighborhood because of the shooting violence and drug activity at the Property. The Property is within easy walking distance of the Temple of Praise Church, Catholic Charities, the Washington Highland Recreation Center, and Oxon Run Park. Community members who frequent these and other resources and services fear being solicited to purchase drugs or being caught in the crossfire of gun violence.
- 17. Community members frequently report to MPD, Area Neighborhood Commissioners ("ANCs") and OAG the drug- and firearm-related violence and other disturbances at the Property.

COUNT I

Abatement of a Drug-Related Nuisance (D.C. Code §§ 42-3101 to 3114)

- 18. The District fully incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 17.
- 19. There is frequent gun violence and sale of drugs at the Property. Furthermore, the Property has been used to store firearms and drugs. MPD officers have seized firearms and drugs from the Property on several occasions and made drug- and firearm-related arrests on the Property. The Property is therefore a drug- and firearm-related nuisance as defined by D.C. Code § 42-3101(5)(B).

- 20. Individuals use the Property to facilitate violations of the Controlled Substance Act (Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the D.C. Code), D.C. Code §§ 48-901.01–48-907.03. The drugs that MPD recovered from the Property are controlled substances under D.C. Code §§ 48-902.01–48-902.14. Violations of the Controlled Substances Act include, but are not limited to, "maintain[ing] any place to manufacture, distribute, or store for the purpose of manufacture or distribution a narcotic or abusive drug." The Property is therefore a drug- related nuisance as defined in D.C. Code § 42-3101(5)(A).
- 21. Distributing or possessing a controlled substance within a Drug-Free Zone is a violation of the Controlled Substances Act. D.C. Code § 48–904.07a(b). The Property is within a Drug-Free Zone, as defined in D.C. Code § 48–904.07a(a). MPD has arrested individuals at the Property for possessing and distributing controlled substances within 1000 feet of Statesman Academy for Boys and Ingenuity Preparatory Public Charter School. The Property is therefore a drug- related nuisance as defined by D.C. Code § 42-3101(5)(A).
- 22. The drug- and firearm-related activity at the Property has an adverse impact on the community due to the violence and daily drug activity, as defined by D.C. Code §§ 42-3101, *et seq.*
- 23. Prior to filing this action, OAG provided Defendant with reasonable notice of the nuisance activity at the Property, as required by D.C. Code § 42-3103(b). Despite receiving several notices from OAG, Defendant has not addressed the nuisance activity at the Property.

IV. RELIEF REQUESTED

Wherefore, the District of Columbia respectfully requests declaratory and injunctive relief and statutory damages against Defendants, as follows:

A. That the Court declare the Property located at 4675 South Capitol Street SW, Washington,

DC 20032, owned and managed by Defendant, a drug- and firearm-related Nuisance Property

pursuant to the Drug-, Firearm-, or Prostitution-Related Nuisance Abatement Act, D.C. Code

§§ 42-3101 to 3114;

B. That the Court enter an injunction appropriate for Defendant to abate the nuisance by

preventing the continuance or recurrence of the drug- and firearm- related nuisance at the Property;

C. That the Court award the maximum statutory damages per day since Defendant was first

notified of the nuisance to be paid by the Defendant into the Drug-, Firearm-, or Prostitution-

Related Nuisance Abatement Fund pursuant to D.C. Code § 42-3111.01(a);

D. That the Court award the District its attorneys' fees and costs of bringing this action; and

E. That the Court enter any other relief that the Court deems appropriate and necessary to

abate the nuisance activity at the Property.

Date: July 22, 2021 Respectfully Submitted,

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Vs. C.A. No. 2021 CA
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INITIAL ORDER AND ADDENDUM

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-906 and District of Columbia Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure ("Super. Ct. Civ. R.") 40-I, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- (1) This case is assigned to the judge and calendar designated below. All future filings in this case shall bear the calendar number and the judge's name beneath the case number in the caption.
- (2) Within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, plaintiff must file proof of service on each defendant of copies of (a) the summons, (b) the complaint, and (c) this Initial Order and Addendum. The court will dismiss the claims against any defendant for whom such proof of service has not been filed by this deadline, unless the court extended the time for service under Rule 4(m).
- (3) Within 21 days of service (unless otherwise provided in Rule 12), each defendant must respond to the complaint by filing an answer or other responsive pleading. The court may enter a default and a default judgment against any defendant who does not meet this deadline, unless the court extended the deadline under Rule 55(a).
- (4) At the time stated below, all counsel and unrepresented parties shall participate in a remote hearing to establish a schedule and discuss the possibilities of settlement. Counsel shall discuss with their clients <u>before</u> the hearing whether the clients are agreeable to binding or non-binding arbitration. This order is the only notice that parties and counsel will receive concerning this hearing.
- (5) If the date or time is inconvenient for any party or counsel, the Civil Actions Branch may continue the Conference <u>once</u>, with the consent of all parties, to either of the two succeeding Fridays. To reschedule the hearing, a party or lawyer may call the Branch at (202) 879-1133. Any such request must be made at least seven business days before the scheduled date.

No other continuance of the conference will be granted except upon motion for good cause shown.

(6) Parties are responsible for obtaining and complying with all requirements of the General Order for Civil cases, each judge's Supplement to the General Order and the General Mediation Order. Copies of these orders are available in the Courtroom and on the Court's website http://www.dccourts.gov/.

Chief Judge Anita M. Josey-Herring

Case Assigned to: Judge FERN FLANAGAN SADDLER

Date: July 27, 2021

Initial Conference: REMOTE HEARING - DO NOT COME TO COURTHOUSE SEE REMOTE HEARING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED TO INITIAL ORDER

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9:30 am, Friday, October 29, 2021

Location: Courtroom 100

500 Indiana Avenue N.W. WASHINGTON, DC 20001

ADDENDUM TO INITIAL ORDER AFFECTING ALL MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES

D.C. Code § 16-2821, which part of the Medical Malpractice Proceedings Act of 2006, provides, "[a]fter action is filed in the court against a healthcare provider alleging medical malpractice, the court shall require the parties to enter into mediation, without discovery or, if all parties agree[,] with only limited discovery that will not interfere with the completion of mediation within 30 days of the Initial Scheduling and Settlement Conference ('ISSC'"), prior to any further litigation in an effort to reach a settlement agreement. The early mediation schedule shall be included in the Scheduling Order following the ISSC. Unless all parties agree, the stay of discovery shall not be more than 30 days after the ISSC."

To ensure compliance with this legislation, on or before the date of the ISSC, the Court will notify all attorneys and *pro se* parties of the date and time of the early mediation session and the name of the assigned mediator. Information about the early mediation date also is available over the internet at https://www:dccourts.gov/pa/. To facilitate this process, all counsel and *pro se* parties in every medical malpractice case are required to confer, jointly complete and sign an EARLY MEDIATION FORM, which must be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the ISSC. D.C. Code § 16-2825 Two separate Early Mediation Forms are available. Both forms may be obtained at www.dccourts.gov/medmalmediation. One form is to be used for early mediation with a mediator from the multi-door medical malpractice mediator roster; the second form is to be used for early mediation with a private mediator. Plaintiff's counsel is responsible for eFiling the form and is required to e-mail a courtesy copy to earlymedmal@dcsc.gov. Unrepresented plaintiffs who elect not to eFile must either mail the form to the Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Office at, Suite 2900, 410 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, or deliver if in person if the Office is open for in-person visits.

A roster of medical malpractice mediators available through the Court's Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division, with biographical information about each mediator, can be found at www.dccourts.gov/medmalmediation/mediatorprofiles. All individuals on the roster are judges or lawyers with at least 10 years of significant experience in medical malpractice litigation. D.C. Code § 16-2823(a). If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, the Court will appoint one. D.C. Code § 16-2823(b).

The following people are required by D.C. Code § 16-2824 to attend personally the Early Mediation Conference: (1) all parties; (2) for parties that are not individuals, a representative with settlement authority; (3) in cases involving an insurance company, a representative of the company with settlement authority; and (4) attorneys representing each party with primary responsibility for the case.

No later than ten (10) days after the early mediation session has terminated, Plaintiff must eFile with the Court a report prepared by the mediator, including a private mediator, regarding: (1) attendance; (2) whether a settlement was reached; or, (3) if a settlement was not reached, any agreements to narrow the scope of the dispute, limit discovery, facilitate future settlement, hold another mediation session, or otherwise reduce the cost and time of trial preparation. D.C. Code§ 16-2826. Any Plaintiff who is unrepresented may mail the form to the Civil Actions Branch at [address] or deliver it in person if the Branch is open for in-person visits. The forms to be used for early mediation reports are available at www.dccourts.gov/medmalmediation.

Chief Judge Anita M. Josey-Herring

Civil Remote Hearing Instructions for Participants

The following instructions are for participants who are scheduled to have cases heard before a Civil Judge in a **Remote Courtroom**

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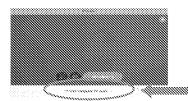
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Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and copy and paste following address from the next page: https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/XXXXXXXXX

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AUDIO ALTERNATIVE: Instead of automatically using **USE COMPUTER FOR AUDIO**, select **CALL-IN** and follow the **CALL-IN** prompt window. Use a cell phone or desk phone. You will be heard clearer if you **do not** place your phone on SPEAKER. It is very important that you enter the **ACCESS ID** # so that your audio is matched with your video.



Option 4: (Ipad/SMART PHONE/TABLET):

- Go to App Store, Download WebEx App (Cisco WebEx Meetings)
- Sign into the App with your Name and Email Address
- Select Join Meeting
- Enter address from the next page: https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/XXXXXXXXXX
- Click join and make sure your microphone is muted and your video is unmuted (if you need to be
- seen). If you only need to speak and do not need to be seen, use the audio only option.
- When you are ready click "Join Meeting". If the host has not yet started the meeting, you will be placed in the lobby until the meeting begins.

For Technical Questions or issues Call: (202) 879-1928, Option #2

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Public Access for Remote Court Hearings (Effective August 24, 2020)

The current telephone numbers for all remote hearings are: 202-860-2110 (local) or 844-992-4726 (toll free). After dialing the number, enter the WebEx Meeting ID as shown below for the courtroom. Please click a WebEx Direct URL link below to join the hearing online.

Audio and video recording; taking pictures of remote hearings; and sharing the live or recorded remote hearing by rebroadcasting, live-streaming or otherwise are not allowed

Division Courtroo	Courtroom	Types of Hearings Scheduled in Courtroom	Public Access via WebEx		
			WebEx Direct URL	WebEx Meeting ID	
Auditor	206	Auditor Master	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbaudmaster	129 648 5606	
Master		Hearings			
	100	Civil 2 Scheduling	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb100	129 846 4145	
		Conferences; Status,			
		Motion and Evidentiary			
		Hearings including			
Civil		Bench Trials			
	205	Foreclosure Matters	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb205	129 814 7399	
	212	Civil 2 Scheduling	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb2.12	129 440 9070	
		Conferences; Status,			
		Motion and Evidentiary			
		Hearings including			
		Bench Trials			
	214	Title 47 Tax Liens; and	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb214	129 942 2620	
		Foreclosure Hearings			
	219	Civil 2 Scheduling	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb219	129 315 2924	
		Conferences; Status,			
		Motion and Evidentiary			
		Hearings including			
221		Bench Trials			
	221	Civil 1 Scheduling	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb221	129 493 5162	
		Conferences; Status,			
		Motion and Evidentiary			
		Hearings including			
		Bench Trials			
	318	Civil 2 Scheduling	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb318	129 801 7169	
		Conferences; Status,			
	320	Motion and Evidentiary	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb320	129 226 9879	
		Hearings including			
		Bench Trials			

400	Judge in Chambers Matters including	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb400	129 339 7379
	Temporary Restraining		
	Orders, Preliminary		
	Injunctions and Name		
	Changes		
415	Civil 2 Scheduling	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb415	129 314 3475
516	Conferences; Status, Motion and Evidentiary Hearings including Bench Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb516	129 776 4396
517		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb517	129 911 6415
518		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb518	129 685 3445
519		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb519	129 705 0412
JM-4		https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbjm4	129 797 7557
A-47	Housing Conditions Matters	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbe47	129 906 2065
B-52	Debt Collection and Landlord and Tenant Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb52	129 793 4102
B-53	Landlord and Tenant Matters including Lease Violation Hearings and Post Judgment Motions	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb53	129 913 3728
B-109	Landlord and Tenant Matters	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb109	129 127 9276
B-119	Small Claims Hearings and Trials	https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbb119	129 230 4882